

AGENDA

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS INTERIM COMMITTEE UTAH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, June 19, 2013 • 9:06 a.m. • Room 445 State Capitol

1. Committee Business

- Call to order and welcome
- Approval of the minutes of the May 15, 2013, meeting

2. Statewide Ombudsman and Office of the Inspector General

The committee will discuss whether Utah should create a statewide ombudsman and an Office of the Inspector General, as some states have done.

- Sen. Todd Weiler

3. Recall Elections

The committee will discuss whether the Utah Constitution should be amended to provide for recall elections.

- Rep. Lee B. Perry
- Committee briefing, Leif Elder

4. Election of County Officers

During the 2011 General Session, the Legislature passed H.B. 103, "Election Amendments," which required that a county stagger the terms of county officers beginning in the 2014 General Election. There are some counties that have consolidated certain county offices and thus have a clerk/treasurer, auditor/recorder, executive/surveyor, etc. The committee will discuss the impact of H.B. 103, "Election Amendments," on these combined offices as well as which election cycle these officers should be elected.

- Committee briefing, Leif Elder
- County Clerks
- Utah Association of Counties

5. State Board of Education Elections

The committee will discuss issues relating to electing a member of the State Board of Education.

- Rep. Jim Nielson

6. Election Code Amendments

The committee will discuss changes to the Election Code recommended by the Lieutenant Governor's Office.

- Mark Thomas, Lieutenant Governor's Office

7. Election Notices

The committee will discuss whether most election notices should continue to be published in a newspaper, or whether the less expensive option of posting election notices electronically should be the method for some or all elections.

- Scott Hogensen, Chair, County Clerk Legislative Policy Committee
- County Clerks

8. Preliminary Election Results

The committee will discuss whether officials should release vote totals periodically and, if so, how often. Current law does not allow the totals of any votes counted after election day to be released until the canvass, however by-mail and provisional ballots are an ever increasing proportion of total votes.

- Mark Thomas, Lieutenant Governor's Office

9. Committee Business / Adjourn

- Other committee business
- Next meeting is scheduled for July 17, 2013